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Mr. Edward Sherman  
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Dear Ed:

I am pleased to invite you to attend the official start-up of the first release of the Department of State's Worldwide Financial Management System (FMS). The opening ceremony will be held on Wednesday, September 21, 1983, at the American Embassy in Bonn, Germany.

The FMS is being implemented in a phased approach, the first release of which is the Disbursing Application (Release 1.A). This portion of the FMS will assist the Department in its disbursing activities overseas by speeding up payments to vendors, providing the capability for electronic funds transfer, and improving controls over funds accountability. Subsequent releases will automate accounting and budgeting functions. When fully implemented, the FMS will operate at at least twenty Financial Management Centers overseas and in Washington, providing a fully automated finance, accounting and disbursing system with enhanced internal controls.

We would be pleased to have you with us in Bonn and to assist you in scheduling hotel accommodations, arranging transportation to and from the airport and the Embassy, and with any other logistical concerns you may have. Please contact Mrs. Susan Garrison by Friday, September 2, 1983 in the Office of Financial Systems, 524-1188, should you have any questions.

I look forward to sharing this occasion with you.

Sincerely,

Roger B. Feldman